

N DIVORCE COURT GOSSIP GOING AROUND

The King and His Mother.
Every day when the Court is in London the King may be seen crossing to Marlborough House, sometimes on foot, sometimes in his quiet one-horse brougham, and sometimes Queen Alexandra. Recently His Majesty was speaking to a well-known statesman, and Queen Alexandra came into the conversation. "he and his mother ought to be canonised," he remarked. "I know that is going on, and it is a mythical mother that ever lived. He went on to mention various necessities from childhood upwards through which "his people" had nursed him. Queen Alexandra then said that she was going on, and that her son who usually informs her of his doings, had just told her that he brings her all the "inside news" about the war, Cabinet rivalries, and that sort of thing.

Mr. John Hodge, M.P.
The "Common People" will not think that when Mr. John Hodge, M.P., contributed a weekly article to our columns, prior to acceptance of office, he spared no opportunity of exposing the real aims of the I.L.D. and the "cranks" he had decided to run against him a campaign at Gorton, and the burly John had accepted the challenge, and had "tried" conclusions forthwith. He had won the fight, and he had won "hands down," for, in addition to polling a large percentage of the Labour vote, he will receive the whole-hearted support of the Socialists, of whom there is a goodly number as well as all patriotic Radicals.

The Anti-Lloyd George Campaign. Dr. Addison's revelations with respect to the anti-Lloyd George campaign conducted by Sir Stanley Hoag, the London provincial Press, are likely to be followed by more sensational disclosures. An habitué of the Walton Heath Golf Club, Sir Hoag has been very closely associated with the Government in the past, and his intimacy with a prominent member thereof is a matter of common knowledge. It will, however, take more than the inspired ranting of the London Press to knock Sir Hoag from the saddle again. Before taking up the publishing and advertising business Sir Hoag served as a trooper in the 15th Hussars.

The High Command. Mr. Bonar Law has done well to put out the word that "he is going on" at Sir Douglas Haig, which has gone on in the Commons of late. He told Mr. Outwaite that in future he should decline to reply to questions of a personal nature, and that in the High Command," which, it is well known, are only put with an ulterior object. One day, if he does not "mind his manners," something may happen to him. He has been the big headline in papers.

The Delayed Offensive. At any moment now the German offensive may be resumed. The delay I hear, has occasioned no surprise. It would take quite this interval for the enemy to repair the huge losses, at least, half a million—experienced in the March attack. Meanwhile the

use of the "breathing space" afforded by his absence. As Hindeburn will find when he goes to the order for the offensive to be resumed.

Premier and Dr. Jowett.

Mr. Lloyd George, who is going to spend his Whitsuntide at work, will be in London over Sunday, and will then mean to call on the Bishop of Exeter at Cheltenham on Sunday morning to hear Dr. Jowett's first sermon as a pastor. Like his predecessor in the pulpit, Dr. Jowett has been a friend of Mr. Lloyd George's, and has enjoyed the close friendship of Mr. Lloyd George, though who no one regretted more the general Nonconformist desire to deplore the statement.

One House, One Dog.

It is expected that the new tax on dogs will be 41s. for every animal over the age of six months, and the object being to discourage more than one dog in a household. The age exemption will probably be 2 months.

The New Register.
Much comment has been excited by a report that the Government has in contemplation postponing by months the date on which it was understood the new Parliamentary register would come into operation. Such an arrangement would prevent all possibility of a general election this year. Instead of coming into operation on Oct. 15, the new register would not come into force until a week or two before Christmas.

Gliming to the Leaves.
The explanation volunteered that a postponement of the Register

necessary owing to the difficulties presented in carrying out the new law, is now being so convincingly shown to be wrong, that it is surprising to say the least, that these difficulties were not foreseen when the law was introduced into the House of Commons. The present House has not shown any anxiety to submit itself and its doings to a plebiscite, and it is to be expected, therefore, for the suspicion entertained that it is anxious to pile up the evil day as long as possible.

Apostle Spoon

An old-age pensioner has sent an Exeter apostle spoon, dated 1620, to the Red Cross for sale. For it is said to be the spoon which the collector's dream of a complete set of such spoons, representing the apostles and their Master. Only one such complete set is known to exist, and only 1 of them—belonging to the Goldsmiths Company—comprises 13 spoons by 1 maker. The last one of this kind ever came into the market and for

The Navy and the Chevrons.
"Jack," who has generally a name of his own for most things, has designated the new chevrons as "show-irons." So far he does not take kindly to the innovation, but will doubtless get reconciled in time to it. Some of the nicknames evolved by our gallant tars are quaint. Thus the Bellerophon became the Bills; the Agamemnon is known throughout the Fleet as the Aggie; Scapa Flow, with less affection, as Scabbie Liz. I could cite other examples, but must not shock my

**U.S. DELEGATES
AT THE PALACE.
THE KING'S DREAM FULFILLED.**

COUNTY COURT JUDGE DEAD.
Judge Samuel Moss, of the North Wales and Chester County Circuit, and Radical M. P. for East Denbighshire from 1897 to 1906, died at Accra, Denbighshire. He was born in 1858, educated at Worcester College, Oxford, and called to the Bar in 1880. He was at one time Chairman of Denbighshire County Council.

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